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tection afforded to creditors and shareholders in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland, considered under the three heads of Organization, Operation, and Dissolution. Following each of these chapters, it discusses the legislative and reform movements on the same topics in England and America.

The purpose of the work is to show how much more completely and carefully England and the continental countries have in general protected the interests of those financially connected with corporations than has the United States, and to suggest a working program for the reconstruction of a corporation law in the United States.

There is an excellent bibliography and a complete index. However, it occasions surprise that in a work containing so complete a list of authorities, no mention is made of the contributions of Pollock and Maitland in their *History of the English Law*, or of Mommsen's incomplete work, *Zur Lehre von den römischen Korporationen*, first published in the "Zeitschrift der Savigny," and later included in Mommsen's miscellaneous works.

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### Labor and Labor Organizations

*Attitude of American Courts in Labor Cases.* By GEORGE GROAT. Columbia University Studies in History, Economics, and Public Law, Vol. XLII. (New York: Longmans, Green and Company. 1911. Pp. 400. \$2.50.)

The predominant impression gotten from Groat's treatment of the trade-union law cases, is that irreconcilable diversity of opinion characterizes the decisions which have been rendered by the courts. This confusion extends even to the use of such terms as strikes, boycotts, threats, and intimidation. As to general statements on the rights of labor and capital, much less divergence exists, but some general statements lack both consistency and practicability. The courts are, however, Groat believes, slowly making progress toward the solution of the problems presented in trade-union law. No court now dares question the right of laborers to organize, although it may deny the means to make organization effective. Even more encouraging is the tendency toward eliminating the element of combination and the purposes aimed at, as being material in determining the legality of labor-union activities.

Groat boldly criticizes the courts for failing to adjust their decisions to present-day economic conditions. He views the problem of trade-union law as primarily a matter of public policy and expediency, rather than a study in legal precedents inherited from another age. All reference to the absolute rights of either party in industrial disputes is considered confusing verbiage; reform must come through recognizing that labor must be con-